

Our last meeting was held on July 7th. Attending were Lee Gayman, Ed and Keith Kapp, myself and a guest who was a friend of Lee's. Lee demonstrated the QL to his friend and I demoed the Z88. We also transferred some files back and forth between a QL and an Amstrad PPC 512. I gave Ed Kapp a diagram of a cable for this as well as QL and IBM terminal programs to do the job.

There are a couple upcoming events. The Affiliation of Computer Enthusiasts Computer Group is having a picnic on August 19th. See the ad in the last issue. The Red Rose Computer and Hamfest is on August 6th. Our August meeting will be on Friday the 11th. Camp Hill Mall Community Room. 6:30 to 9:30 PM.

There is another Z88 BBS. This one is located on the east coast in the Virginia suburbs of Washington D.C.. Gerald Lindsay is the system operator. He is a former Tandy 100, 200 user who has gone to the Z88. The BBS is in Beta Test now. The number for this BBS is 703-968-9438.

This information comes from the GENie service where the Z88 has its own section in the Laptops area. There is some information on joining GENie in this issue. GENie is less expensive to use than CompuServe. GENie also has much more extensive support of Laptops thanks to Traveling Software.

GENie also has Timex/Sinclair coverage. Look in the TI section in area 13. (Other orphans). There are also some downloads for T/S in the download area.

Here are the guidelines for submissions to this newsletter. I can take files on magnetic media or on paper in any of the following formats in order of preference: 1) QL Disk 5 1/4" 720 sectors. 2) IBM disk 360K 3) QL microdrive 4) Z88 Eeprom 5) Paper 6) 2068 disk Aerco DSDD 7) 2068 tape. If possible format text in columns.

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TS 1000 NEWS

Taken from the June 1989 issue of ZX-Appeal - Newsletter of the Vancouver Sinclair Users Group.

INSOMNIAC ELECTRONICS UPDATE

Gerd and I have been able to contact Jim Horne and are helping Jim straighten things out. Jim was not keeping very good records for a while and has lost track of some of the orders sent to him. If anyone sent an order to Jim but has not heard back they should contact myself at the address on the back cover and describe their order and the manner of remittance made. Gerd and I will try to have their money refunded or order filled. We'll try to help but we can't take any responsibility for any lack of performance by Jim.

Address on back cover:

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Port Moody, B.C. CANADA V3H 1N5

Editors notes:

Jim Horne took over Silicon Mountain Computers from Fred Nachbaur selling mostly TS 1000 products including some fantastic hi-res software.

Rod also is the editor of ZX-Appeal which is a great newsletter that you may want to subscribe to.

QL NEWS

Looking through the latest Spring/Summer 1989 Sharp's catalog I see a couple interesting new products.

There is a 30 Meg Hard Drive with interface available for \$699.95. Just plug it in the Rom slot and its ready to go. QL Xchange \$59.95 is the ultimate upgrade of the Psion software built into the QL. All four programs in 1 multi-tasking program. Must have disk drives, 512K added and Toolkit II.

Z88 Magazine Update

The Z88 continues to be mentioned in MSDOS and Macintosh publications.

The June 1989 issue of BYTE magazine had two articles on the Z88.

There was an article in the Macintosh section written by Laurence Loeb called 'A Portable Companion for the Macintosh'. Laurence was very pleased with the Z88 and its Mac - Z88 file transfer software. He says "It's not a Mac laptop, but it plugs the gap nicely".

The Z88 was also mentioned in Jerry Pournelle's 'Computing at Chaos Manor' column. Jerry had a conference to attend at the White House. He needed a machine to type notes on. His other portables were too big and cumbersome. The silent keyboard of the Z88 also was a plus. Someone else typing on a TI100 was getting periodic dirty looks. It seems like Jerry is really starting to like the Z88.

Cambridge had a nice ad in this same issue with a picture of Jerry typing on a Z88 and some pictures of the White House.

The July issue of MacGuide had an article comparing a Z88, a Psion Organizer and a WristMac in their role as Mac accessories. Believe it or not the Z88 came out third. I don't know how a calculator-like computer and a watch can be rated above a computer with full sized keys and much larger display.

The Z88 also was briefly mentioned in short news articles in the July MacUser Magazine and the June Personal Computing Magazine. There was no editorial comment in these pieces.

Z88 Pipedream Tip

I have found that the <> R command in Pipedream is very powerful. Do some partial editing of a paragraph. Now move your cursor to the top of the paragraph. Type <> R and the paragraph will appear the way you want it to.

Taken from 'the HACKER' an official publication of the Timex/Sinclair User Group of Las Vegas.

PORTABLE DISK DRIVE AVAILABLE

The most important accessory you'll ever need for your Z88 computer is now available, and like the Z88, it's small, light weight, portable and affordable!

This little compact disk drive is powered by only four AA-cell batteries and works anywhere you do, no fuss, no problems.

The nice thing about this unit is that storing your files on 3.5 inch diskettes gives you unlimited data storage space at an inexpensive, cost effective price.

The 3.5" disks can each store up to 200,000 bytes of data in two banks with a file limit of 64K per file.

And if the drive doesn't receive any information after 30 minutes, it shuts itself off, to conserve battery life. And it also can be used with an optional AC adapter.

This unit only measures 5.25 by 6.4 by 2.12 inches and weighs in at a mere 1lb. 14ozs.

The PCIC Portable Disk Drive comes complete with ZN-DOS (zen-doss) file management utility on a standard Z88 EPROM. But it doesn't require any of your precious cartridge slots to use it. Instead, just copy ZN-DOS to any RAM device and save your slots for more important things.

The cost of this unit is \$349.95 plus \$5 S&H. The unit can be purchased from:

Sharp's, Inc.
Box 362
Mechanicsville, VA 23111
(804) 730-9697

Ed. note: This is the same portable Brother disk drive that is used for the Tandy 102.

Information on Joining GENIE by Modem \$29.95 Registration Fee

1. Set your modem for half duplex. 300 or 1200 baud.
2. Dial 1-800-638-8369. Upon connection enter HHH
3. At U#: prompt enter 5JM11988, GENIE or 5JM11976, GENIE
4. Additional Help 1-800-638-9636 ext. 21 (Voice)

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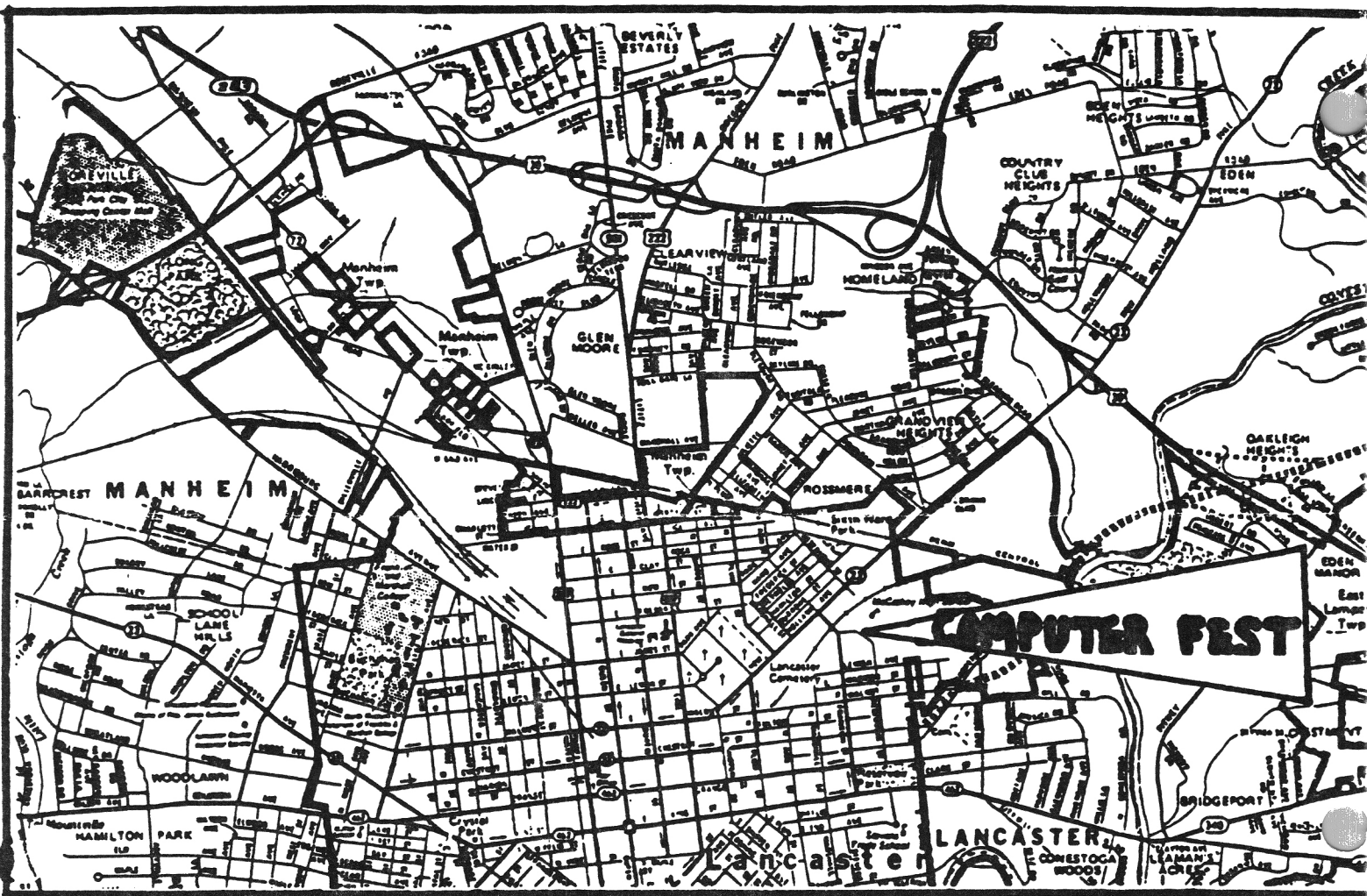
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